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THE INDIAN OUTLOOK.

EARL OF READING PAINTS
ROSY PICTURE.

The London Daily Telegraph's Calcutta correspondent on December 16th, said: "Not for many years has the Viceroy been able to paint such a rosy picture of India's prospects as that produced by the Earl of Reading at the opening of the Associated Chambers of Commerce. A huge increase in sea-borne trade, railway earnings leaping up by crores, and good crop prospects are among the features that herald a general revival of trade. Jute and tea, particularly, are 'basking in the sunshine of an abundant prosperity.' The subjects with regard to which the Viceroy's views were most eagerly listened to by this conference of the commercial leaders of all India were Budget prospects, currency and exchange, and Protection. Each of these topics Lord Reading reviewed with characteristic caution, but in a vein of confident optimism. It is understood that a substantial Budget surplus will soon be the subject of earnest consideration, the outcome of which will very probably be a decision to reduce considerably the contributions of the most heavily burdened Provinces to the Central Government, together with further reduction of the sentimentally hated but little-felt Salt Tax. It is hoped that Sir Basil Blackett will confine the courageous policy he has hitherto pursued. Nothing will do more to help those who are anxious to make the reforms a success in the Provinces than relief from the financial embarrassment which is at present strangling the activities of the transferred departments.

With regard to currency and exchange, many business men hoped that the Viceroy would say more. While recognizing the hopeful signs of economic convalescence in Europe and the indications that currencies throughout the world will soon bear a fixed relation to gold, Lord Reading did not consider that the time for action on the part of India had yet arrived. He thought it desirable that Government policy should continue to be one of watchfulness, and that no final commitments should be entered into. He vouchsafed a hint of an intention to take action to restore a fixed exchange or to appoint the new currency commission, for which, in the opinion of financial circles, the time is ripening.

GOVERNMENT AND PROTECTION.

The most reassuring portions of the Viceroy's speech were those devoted to the various demands for Protection, and he let it be seen that there was no reason to fear that the Government would allow itself to be rushed into hasty and disastrous decisions. There is plainly no intention on the part of the Government to adopt a wholesale and indiscriminate policy in this matter. The Steel Protection Act was based upon an able investigation of the conditions obtaining in that particular industry, and its extension by a system of beautiful counter-vailing the fall of Continental steel and the rise of exchanges is accepted as a reasonable expedient clearly intimated that what has been given to steel (otherwise Tatas) will not be given to anything and anyone. He declared that every industry that demanded Protection would have to prove its case publicly before an impartial Tariff Board. There were signs that the careful, reasoned examination of individual cases had a real educative effect. Protection was no longer loosely regarded as an abstract proposition that could be easily applied to every case as a panacea for all kinds of economic difficulty. The thinking public of India had, he said, begun to regard it in the right light, and to treat it as a strictly practical question.

Generally, the Viceroy's review of the outlook for India is the most encouraging that has been offered since before the war, and there is all the more reason to hope for the fulfilment of the forecast of prosperous times now that the seditious movement is being firmly handled, and a stable Government at home provides assurance against reckless concessions to the clamour of the extremist political group.

THE RIGHT TO KILL.

LORD HEWART ON MAN'S
DEFENCE OF HOME.

APPEAL COURT QUASHES A
SENTENCE.

In quashing a sentence of 12 months' hard labour passed on Israel Hussey, a coloured man, for unlawful wounding, the Lord Chief Justice Lord Hewart, said at the Court of Criminal Appeal London:

"The law is that in defence of his house the owner or his family may kill a trespasser who would, forcibly dispossess him, in the same manner as he might, by law, kill in self-defence a man who attacks him personally; with this distinction, however, that in defending his house he need not retreat as in other cases of self-defence, for he would be giving up his house to his adversary."

In this case that important distinction was not brought to the jury's attention, so that there may have been a miscarriage of justice.

Hussey was released and expressed his pleasure by praying Heaven "to bless your lordships."

In his review of the case, Lord Hewart said it appeared that Hussey had been ordered to vacate his room, but he refused to go without proper notice. Two people attempted to turn him out, taking as a method of persuasion a hammer, a spanner, a poker, and a chisel. Hussey fired a revolver through a hole in the door, injuring his assailants.

His case was that he had to protect his wife and family, and he produced to the police a seven-chambered revolver, while in his pocket was a pamphlet entitled "The New Rent Act Explained."

LEADING GOLFERS OF 1924.

WHY SIR E. HOLDERNESS IS THE
BEST AMATEUR.

[BY HARRY VARDON.]

It is interesting, as well as instructive at the end of every year to cast the mind back over the preceding twelve months and recall the outstanding players of the season and the methods by which they attained pre-eminence.

I suppose, for example, that there can be no doubt of the qualification of Sir Ernest Holderness to be regarded as the leading amateur, for he has won the amateur championship for the second time in three years. This, of course, is a great achievement in the stress of modern competition.

Where Sir Ernest Holderness seems to me to excel his rivals is that he is never off his balance. In this respect he may be said to be like the foremost professionals. You never see him, for instance, with one foot more or less off the ground, and that is a very common fault, especially among the slashing young school of amateurs who are content to sacrifice safety, direction, equilibrium, and everything else in their desire for length.

TOLLEY'S ADVANCE.

Mr. Cyril Tolley showed that he is a better player than ever by winning this year's French open championship at Versailles with the magnificent consistency of rounds of 73, 73, 73, equals 219. It was a very great performance.

I watched Mr. Tolley a good deal during the British open championship at Hoylake, and was greatly impressed by his improvement. This, I thought, was especially noticeable in the matter of controlling the direction of his shots. I had not seen him since we were partners in the championship at St. Andrew's three years previously, and there was a most pronounced difference in this respect. Mr. R. H. Wethered is also an improved player in the same way. In fact, it appears to me that British amateur golf is steadily going down after the period of rather wild hitting which distinguished it in the year or two following the war.

A player who strikes me as being a possible amateur champion of the near future is Mr. W. A. Murray, the Scottish international. It is, perhaps, against him that he is nearing the age of forty, but he is a wonderful golfer considering that he has undergone about fourteen operations to his head for shrapnel wounds. He is not a long driver, but what he lacks in length he makes up for in straightness. Moreover, he plays every shot in the game just as it ought to be played.

A GREAT VETERAN.

I want especially to congratulate my old friend and rival, J. H. Taylor, on the wonderful showing he has made at the age of fifty-three. But for age and lambo, I really believe he would have won the open championship at Hoylake. He was hitting the ball better than anybody till these influences wore him down, and was well in the running until near the end.

Both the Whites, Charles and Ernest are going to be better even than they have yet been. They are not in the pan, because, both have flashes in the pan, because, both have clearly demonstrated that they know how to play the shots that tell. Ernest is a specially fine iron shot player. He was, perhaps, a little unlucky in not preventing Walter Hagen from carrying the championship cup to the United States again—he lost by only one stroke to the American.

I think that Abe Mitchell is the best golfer to watch, but there is still an occasional lapse in his iron shots which prevents him from winning. Directly he remedies this I cannot see who is going to beat him.

THE SPRING HANDICAPS.

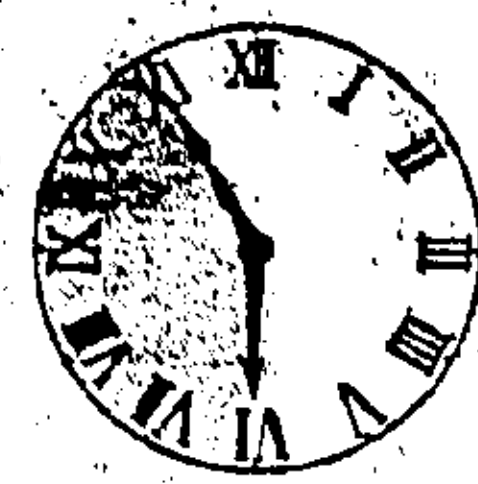
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CANDIDATES.

A London telegram to Indian papers dated January 9th says:—

The Spring Handicap entries have just been announced. They are good in number and quality. There are 73 nominations for the Lincolnshire against 75 last year. The weight will be published on January 20th and the acceptances on February 4th. The Lincolnshire entries include Evander, last year's second, and Grave Fairy, last year's third. Although Sir Galahad III. has not been entered, no fewer than nine French trained horses have been nominated. The best class of French candidates is represented by Tapin, who won the French Two Thousand Guineas last Spring. Capt. John, who won the race last Spring with Sir Galahad III., has entered Black Prince, Gallahad III., has entered Black Prince, about whom there have been very favourable reports. Mr. Macomber, in addition to entering several French trained horses has also entered Parth, the Jubilee winner, who would have a good chance even under topweight. Mr. Joel has entered five horses, viz., Greenfire, Pondland, Pasha, Pando and Evander. The other entries include Dumas, Dawson City and D'Orsay.

Class is as usual well represented in the City and Suburban, for the entry includes the Derby winner Sansovino, Pharos, Verdict, Twelve Pointer, Parth, Condover and Tapin. There is also a brilliant array of talent in the Ascot last year with Massing. This year the French entries seem likely to be held safe by such performers as Sansovino, St. German, Bright Knight, Easter Monarch, Picaroon, Salmon Trout and Pluck.

The last number of the Freeman's Journal, Dublin, which was established in 1793, was issued on December 19th. The paper has been taken over by Republicans.



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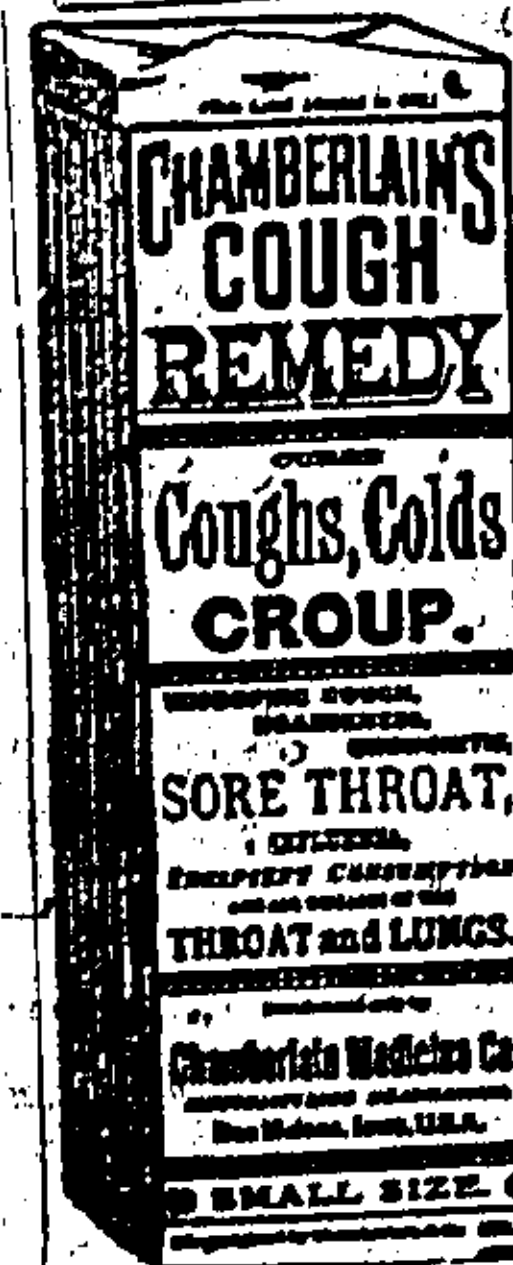
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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts in their weekly share report dated January 30th, say:—

There has been very little business done in the local market since our last report of the 23rd instant owing to the Chinese New Year holidays having occupied the bulk of the week, but prices for the most part have been well maintained.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks are firmer with buyers at 2180, the London quotation has advanced to 2142 (Midday).

Marine & Fire Insurance.—Unions are wanted at 231 after sales at this rate. China Fires have moved up to 2183. Underwriters have been in good demand and have been placed at 22.45. Transoceanic have moved up to 2411. Canton has moved up to 2411. Hongkong Fire remains steady at 2715.

Shipping.—Union Waterboats were reported sold at 220.10, but buyers are only offering 2181 at the close. A dividend of 1.33 has just been declared. "Star" Ferries have strengthened and could be placed at 241. Douglas Steamships are quoted for at 258. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have improved to 239.

Refineries.—China Sugars have shown firmness and have risen to a buying rate of 283. Malabous have been put through at 239.

Oils and Mining.—Benguets have again changed hands at 22.80. Shell Transports can be placed at 231. and Langkats (Combined) at 22.

Electric Companies.—Hongkong Trams have advanced to 241. Hongkong Electric has moved up to 244 in the early part of the week, but have since strengthened to 247. China Lights (Combined) are a turn higher at 227.

Docks, Wharves & Godowns.—Hongkong & Kowloon Wharves are slightly easier and have been put through at 2211. Hongkong & Whampoa Docks are obtainable at 2131. Hongkong Wharves are unchanged at 210. New Engineering are wanted at 215. Shanghai Docks are in request at 215. 108.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have ruled steady at 2108. Realities have been booked at 22.40. Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels (Old) were dealt in at 218.20 and the New shares at 217. Humphreys Estates have moved to a nominal quotation of 222.

Cotton Mills.—Ewoes have further weakened and were sold down to 215. 13.30, but the market is again firmer with buyers at 215. 12.40. Orientals at 215. 4.30 and Shanghai Cottons (Old) at 215. 811 are unchanged.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements (Combined) were booked at 2281 and continue in request. China Providents (New) after sales at 22.55 have buyers at 201. The Old shares can be placed at 2162 while the Combined have improved to 2403. Watsons (Old) have been taken off the market at 222 and the New at 2142/143. Constructions have receded to 273. Taxicabs are in demand at 2215 and Lane Crawfords at 219. Dairy Farms have been booked up to 2202.

Exchange.—The T.T. rate on London to-day is 2/3 3/4 and on Shanghai 7 1/2. Forward Settlement Days—24th February (Tuesday), 24th March (Tuesday); and 25th April (Tuesday).

CHINA'S TRADE IN BONES.

HOW MAH JONG TILES ARE MADE.

It is to be expected among a people accustomed to extreme frugality that such an article as animal bone would be used to the fullest extent possible. With the many uses to which it can be put in this country, there is little, if any, waste of even small pieces of this by-product of stock-raising.

Bones from the cow, hog and sheep form an important item of Chinese export trade, the chief points of shipment being, in their order, Tientsin, Hankow, Dairen, Kiaschow and Shanghai. While these are the most important ports, about 20 other ports figure in the trade. During the first six months of this year Shanghai shipped to Japan 90,833 piculs of scrap bones, valued at Hk. Tls. 61,765. These are used almost entirely for making fertilizer.

Figures for exports from all China during 1922, the latest year for which figures from the Chinese Maritime Customs are available, shows that 730,380 piculs, valued at Hk. Tls. 1,128,825, were consigned abroad.

Bone is put to many uses in China, perhaps the chief of which is the making of fertilizer. Latterly, the making of Mah Jong tiles has consumed a considerable quantity of certain grades; in fact, domestic production has been unable to fill the demand, and abnormal imports of shinbone have been rendered necessary by the development of the trade in Mah Jong sets. Now more Chinese Mah Jong tiles are made of imported bone than of the home product. Last year Shanghai imported cow bone largely of the grade used in Mah Jong tiles, totalling 20,180 piculs of 13 1/4 lb. each, valued at Hk. Tls. 421,542. During the first six months of this year imports passing through Shanghai amounted to 21,945 piculs, valued at Hk. Tls. 208,076.

Tourists are familiar with the varieties of bone articles on sale throughout China. Knife, brush and fan handles, beads, imitation ivory medallions, and cigarette holders are cut by skilled Chinese workmen in the northern as well as the southern parts of the country. Articles such as knife handles, which require a clear, fine grade, are made almost entirely from shin and buttock bones. Chinese writing brush handles are made from the rib bone of the ox, while the thin knife-shaped toothpicks, much used by Chinese, come from cow ribs.

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CINEMA NOTES.

THE CORONET.
"A Woman of Paris." Charlie Chaplin's first serious film, won favourable comment at the Coronet last night. It revealed Charlie Chaplin in quite a new light as the producer and author of a picture of this type. The story of Marie St. Clair, the young and unsophisticated village girl, is not merely the figment of fiction. Her type is to be found in every hamlet, French or British; but it is the natural manner in which she plays her part that makes the performance so striking and above the commonplace of cinema heroines. Marriage or luxury was the problem that Marie St. Clair had to solve when she went to Paris without her lover and fell in with Pierre Revel. The picture will be screened again at the Coronet to-day.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.
"Fools' Highway." A faithful picturization of Owen Kildare's life history as described by him in his famous novel "My Mamie Rose," now showing to good houses at the Queen's Theatre is colourful, beautiful in its simplicity and in its human interest appeal. To-day and to-morrow, the Manila Vaudeville Co. are presenting the following new programme:—Miami, Dimples and Millie, Trio; Dick and Ray, "That's Georgia"; Miami, "Rose of Picardy"; Millie, "Lovesick Blues"; Dimples, "Old fashioned Love"; Mr. Palapo, Saxophone solo; Mr. Andres, Piano solo; Sketch, Vodalil, agencies.

In preparing a raw bone for carving, the Chinese workman does not use a bleaching agent. He boils and cleans it and then bleaches it in the sun. After the hand carving has been completed, it is customary to soak the bone for a day or two in turpentine, after which it is polished. The turpentine adds a luster and fills the small pores, so that it keeps a better gloss.

Bones not having the size and grain suitable for manufacture are made into fertilizer, by burning, grinding, or chemical processes. They contain a large amount of calcium phosphate, and while the Chinese farmer scarcely appreciates its chemical value, he has recognised for centuries that bone dust increases the productivity of his land, just as he learned without a knowledge of chemistry to be an expert in the use of other fertilising agents. The bone is applied to the soil as an ash or a powder or after treatment with sulphuric acid, in which latter case it is converted into a super-phosphate.

Farmers usually make their own fertilizer, buying 25 or 30 worth of bones at a time, and burning them in their own or a community kiln. About Ningpo the farmers ask their village representatives to purchase from a dealer on a credit basis, the settlement being after harvest, when dealers send the collectors to the various villages. About Taichow it is the practice for farmers to buy directly, and for cash when they are in need of fertilizer and are ready to do the burning.

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COMPANY MEETINGS.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

The 20th annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Union Waterboat Company, Limited, was held yesterday morning at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman (Mr. T. G. Weall) said: The Report and Accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission, take them as read. The year 1924 was a year of unusual activity and the accounts show a profit of \$70,198.02 which the Consulting Committee recommends be appropriated as follows:—

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| Transfer to Special Repairs | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Fund for Pipes and Staging | 10,000.00 |
| Transfer to Insurance Fund | 10,000.00 |
| Transfer to Superannuation Fund | 10,000.00 |
| Pay a Dividend of \$1.25 per share on 27,223 shares absorbed | 34,028.75 |
| Carry forward to new account | 10,545.27 |
| Total | \$70,198.02 |

The Superintendent's Report shows the Fleet to be in good condition. Owing to delay in completing the new basin under the Government Scheme, extensive repairs will be necessary to your Pipe Lines at Laichikok which you will remember were temporarily repaired after the 1923 typhoon. This account for the appropriation of \$3,000 recommended.

The Chairman told you at the last meeting that we contemplated building a new boat. This is now nearing completion and should be in commission in March, and the addition to our Fleet will facilitate the regular docking and repairs which have been very difficult to arrange in the past year.

In explanation of the amount transferred to Insurance Fund, I would say that the Fleet, which is now getting old, cannot be insured for replacement value which is in the neighbourhood of \$500,000. Your Insurance Fund which now stands at \$44,000 therefore needs further building up. We have also considered it wise to start a Superannuation Fund to provide for the time when it will be necessary in some way to compensate your Staff after many years of faithful service.

You may consider the policy of your Consulting Committee to be too conservative, but I would warn you that many of your boats are twenty years old and will need to be gradually replaced. Although their book value is very well written down, we must conserve our resources to meet the cost of rebuilding. Before proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions that may be asked.

There were no questions, and the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. L. S. GREENHILL seconded, and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Mr. W. HARDWICK proposed the confirmation of the appointment to the Consulting Committee of Mr. C. G. S. Mackie in the place of Mr. A. O. Lang (resigned). Mr. VAN EPS seconded and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Mr. O. RIDING proposed and Mr. A. S. D. CONSLAND seconded that Messrs. Linstead and Davies be re-elected as auditors, and this was carried unanimously.

Those present were: Mr. T. G. Weall (Chairman), Mr. W. Adamson, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and Mr. Y. Yamamoto (Consulting Committee) and the following shareholders: Messrs. W. Hardwick, O. Ribeiro, G. R. Edwards, L. S. Greenhill, W. E. Van Eps, Y. Tsutsumi and A. S. D. Consland.

RURAL LAND INVESTMENT CO., LIMITED.

The statutory meeting of the Rural Land Investment Company, Limited, was held yesterday morning at the Asiatic Building, under the chairmanship of Mr. Fred Ellis.

The Chairman said: This is the Statutory Meeting of this Company, held in order to comply with the provisions of the Hongkong Companies Ordinance 1911. The report having been in your hands for the required period, I will, with your permission, take it as read.

I would like to point out to you that your Company has been launched to develop certain suburban properties that it has acquired, by building upon them commodious and up-to-date European flats. Your directors feel that there is a want for this type of houses, as there must be a lot of people in this Colony who would prefer to retire to a home in the suburbs after the day's toil is over, where living and atmospheric conditions are healthier, away from the din and noise of the City.

From the report you will observe that the number of shares allotted is 52,500. These shares are all fully paid up.

PROPERTIES AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

R.B.L. No. 73, situated at the Peak, comprises an area of a little over an acre. On this property 24 flats are in course of construction. R.B.L. Nos. 230, 231, 232 and 233.—The joint total area of these lots, situated along Pokfulam Road, represents over 200,000 square feet, and plans of the flats we propose building are now in preparation. Inland Lot No. 2247.—This lot is situated along Stubbs Road, and has an area of approximately 20,000 square feet. We propose to build on this lot 8 flats with tennis courts.

The Chairman proposed that the accounts and report be adopted. Mr. L. A. Tobias seconded, and the proposal was carried.

Those present at the meeting were: Mr. Fred Ellis (Chairman), Mr. O. K. Hall Bratton, Mr. Felix M. Ellis and Mr. Louis Van Eps (Directors), Mr. H. Stretton Hill (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. E. el Arculli, Fred Judah, S. Joseph, L. A. Tobias, C. M. Young, E. Mow Fung and Miss L. M. Souza.

COMPANY REPORTS.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

The report of the Directors for the year ended December 31st, 1924, states:—
Gentlemen,—The Directors now beg to submit to you their report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1924.

The net profit for that period, after deducting Directors' and General Managers' remuneration and including \$158,229.33 brought forward from last account, amounts to \$320,837.23.

Which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:—
Pay a dividend of 80 cents per share \$120,000.00
Pay a bonus of 40 cents per share 60,000.00
Transfer to reserve fund 50,000.00
Transfer to typhoon floods insurance fund 6,977.23
Carry forward to new profit and loss account 83,870.04
Total \$320,837.23

Directors.—During the year the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang resigned on leaving the Colony, his place being taken by Mr. C. Gordon Mackie. In accordance with Clause 86 of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. J. Scott Harrison, Mr. L. Pattenden, the very Rev. Father Robert, Mr. M. Alva and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and Messrs. Linstead & Davis. Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and Messrs. Linstead & Davis offer themselves for re-election.

D. E. CLARK,
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 22nd, 1925.

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The balance at profit and loss account for the year ended December 31st, 1924, is \$1,021,878.63, which together with \$290,819.20 brought forward from the previous year, makes a total of \$1,312,697.83 available for appropriation. The Directors will at the approaching meeting of shareholders recommend the following distribution:—

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| Pay a dividend of \$60 per share | \$480,000.00 |
| Pay a bonus of \$5 per share | 400,000.00 |
| Transfer to equalisation of dividend fund | 100,000.00 |
| Carry forward to new account | 332,697.83 |
| Total | \$1,312,697.83 |

TYPHOID IN MANCHURIA. SUCCESS OF NATIVE-MADE VACCINE.

The *Manchuria Daily News* in its issue of January 13th, states:—
According to an official of the S.M.R. Co. Sanitation Office, typhoid fever raged along the S.M.R. lines last autumn though for a time. It ran its worst at Anshan where a building used as barracks quarters produced 40 cases in all. The total number of cases up to December from April last year was twice as large as in the whole of the preceding year.

The Chinese seem comparatively immune from typhoid. Most of them are infected therewith when young, and get off rather lightly, many of them without calling in professional aid. As one gets older, one seems to become immune by degrees.

The Japanese are in the habit of taking raw or uncooked vegetables, fruits, and fish, specially, "tai" sole, and bonito. All these coming infected with the bacilli, which are apt to find their way into the system unawares.

From past experience, the local typhoid seems to be of more malignant character than what appears in Japan. It may be that an epidemic transmitted from a person of a different race is inclined to be more malignant.

The S.M.R. Co. has been vaccinating people with vaccine obtained in Japan. An opinion is abroad that the native typhoid may be combated more effectively with vaccine made locally.

Acting on this theory, native-made vaccine has been employed for the first time this season with perfect results, none of the vaccinated having been known to be infected. In fact, one or two cases appeared while the patients were in course of vaccination, but the immunizing effect of the operation is to begin a fortnight after the vaccination.

Native-made vaccine is to be applied more extensively, say, in June and July next, prior to the customary period of prevalence.

THE EMPIRE EXHIBITION. HONGKONG'S CONDITIONS ACCEPTED.

We learn that a satisfactory reply was received yesterday from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the cable recently despatched by the Hongkong Government, stating the conditions under which participation by Hongkong in the British Empire Exhibition in 1925 would be possible. An immediate beginning has therefore been made with the necessary arrangements to ensure that the Hongkong Section shall again be an outstanding success at the Exhibition.

MEDICAL DELEGATES.

ENTERTAINED IN CANTON. RECEPTION AT KUNG YEE MEDICAL SCHOOL.

A party of over eighty foreign and Chinese delegates to the joint conference of the China Medical Missionary Association and the British Medical Association, left Hongkong last Wednesday for an excursion to Canton and a visit to the medical establishments in the commercial capital and the most interesting city of South China.

On their arrival at Canton on Thursday morning they were met by representatives of the local medical bodies and were conducted in sedan chairs through the maze of Canton's fascinating streets to the Hackett Medical College for Women where they were shown round the college as well as the Turner Training School for Nurses and the David Gregg Hospital for Women and Children.

From there the delegates were taken to the Canton Hospital which has the reputation of being the oldest hospital in China. The hospital is now maintained mostly as a relic of its noble past and it gave the visitors a good idea of how the old physicians had to work in the early days of the introduction of western medicine into China.

At noon the delegates were received by the authorities of the Kung Yee University Medical School and entertained to lunch. After lunch Dr. Lee Shu Faa, President of the institution, gave a most interesting talk on the history and present development of the Kung Yee Medical School which was started about fifteen years ago in a very unpretentious manner by a body of public-minded Chinese. The school now occupies a valuable site in the city with a large campus embracing a group of fine buildings, including medical school, hospital, laboratories and staff quarters. The school now stands out as the leading and most prominent medical institution in Canton.

SCALE OF FEES LOW.

The Kung Yee School aims at providing high grade medical education in South China, using the Cantonese dialect as the medium of instruction and having as one of its primary objects the training of efficient medical men and women for the practice of western medicine in Canton and other parts of China. The fees charged are low, being only \$120 a year for tuition, but for every dollar the student spends, the Kung Yee spends four. The commendable feature of this Chinese medical school is that in its endeavour to provide its students with the best medical education available it has enlisted the services of the best known teachers in Canton irrespective of nationality, and being a non-sectarian institution it maintains absolute freedom of religious beliefs.

Dr. Lim Boon Keng, President of the Amoy University, who was among the delegates present, made a short address thanking Dr. Lee for his kind hospitality. He made the significant remark that if western medicine were to make any headway in China and leave its beneficial impressions on the people, it must be taught in institutions like the Kung Yee, which is conducted by the Chinese and where the medium of instruction used is the Chinese language. He expressed the hope that the institution would be able to play a leading part in the future of western medicine in China.

Dr. Grosvenor, Vice-President of the China Medical Missionary Association, also thanked the Kung Yee on behalf of the members of his association.

After lunch the visitors were conducted through the attractive group of new hospital and medical school buildings within the Kung Yee campus. In the afternoon the delegates were taken to the Canton Christian College where a tea party was given, after which the party returned to Kung Yee where they were entertained to dinner by the President, Dr. Lee, and put up in the School dormitory for the night.

HOCKEY NOTES.

[BY "SHORT CORNER"]

A very enjoyable holiday game was played on the Marina ground on Monday afternoon when the H.K.H.C. "Non-Descript" beat the "Naval Nomads" by three goals to one. It is not often that hockey can be played here under really cold weather conditions, but there was a nip in the air on Monday which added to the liveliness of the game. I imagine that one or two of the Navy side found the surface of the Marina ground somewhat unusual; at all events it came something of a surprise that the Club defence were successful in keeping the score against them down to one. The game clearly demonstrated two things: the strength of Navy hockey material this season and the loss which will be sustained by local hockey when Captains Newton-King and Heyes Newington (both of whom played for the "Non-Descript" on Monday) leave the Colony with their regiment in March.

The heavy downpour on Wednesday necessitated postponement of the "Shield" game between the Navy and the Club back against a Naval side (the Submarine Flotilla) and though out of practice performed more than creditably in an unaccustomed position. Martin, Hete and Mitchell are all players who do not seem to find any difficulty in a change of positions, and Sim is a sound defender; so that the Club may be expected to appear on the field in none too pessimistic a mood.

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LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

The following games are down for decision today:—

JUNIOR SHIELD.

First Round.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

East Surreys Reserves v. St. Joseph's, Soekunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Pernon.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Division I.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.

H.M.S. *Tamar* v. Hongkong Police, Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

Kowloon v. South China "A", Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Smith, R.A.

South China "B" v. East Surrey Regt., Soekunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Pernon.

Division II.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

Hongkong Club Reserves v. South China "A", H.K.F.C. ground.

Club de Recreo "A" v. Sacred Heart, Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

Kowloon Reserves v. St. Joseph's "B", Kowloon ground. Referee: Mr. Smith, R.A.

University v. East Surreys Drums, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Morfett.

UNITED SERVICES COMPETITION.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

H.M.S. *Despatch* Reserves v. R.A. Reserves, Navy "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Austin.

The Hongkong v. R.A. match will not be played.

Playing at Kowloon in the first round of the Junior Shield, Kowloon Reserves beat the Moslem Club by a goal to nil. Caville scored and the Moslems failed to level up from a penalty kick.

The East Surreys Reserves are due out on the Garrison ground against St. Joseph's in the Junior Shield. The military team should reverse the result of the league game between these teams when the St. Joseph's won by four goals to one.

Kowloon are at home to South China "A" on the Railway ground. Both teams will have some of their regular players away, but a good game should be seen ending in a win for South China.

The *Tamar* and the Police are due to play their return league game on the Happy Valley ground, and on present form the Police should win.

South China "A" meet the East Surreys on the Soekunpoo ground, and the military team should do better than they did in the first game when they beat South China by four goals to love.

The junior games should end in favour of Kowloon, East Surreys Drums, Club de Recreo "A" and South China "A" respectively.

KOWLOON F.C. v. SOUTH CHINA "A."

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon Football Club in their first division League fixture v. the South China "A" on the Kowloon ground to-day, the 31st inst. Kick-off at 4 p.m. sharp:—A. Duncan; F. Wheeler and F. Read; A. W. Turner, C. Caville and B. Fawcett; P. Clemon, A. Latham, J. McBride, S. Randle and S. G. Hayes. Reserve: B. Vickers.

NAVY v. ARMY.

Owing to the withdrawal of the Army and Navy from the Lai Wah Cup Competition, a Charity Football match, in aid of the Naval and Military charities, between the Army and Navy, will be played on the 31st inst., at Soekunpoo. Kick-off at 3.45 p.m. The following have been selected to play for the Army:—Blanton; Doody and Jordan; Peter, Mitchell and Eaton; Charlesworth (capt.), Eaton, Humberstone, Butler and Mackleworth. Reserves: Caville, Turner and Hurria.

RUGBY.

A match will be played at Happy Valley to-day between two teams comprised of Club members. With the advent of rain, enthusiasm of playing members has revived, and it is expected that two useful fifteens will turn out. In view of the fact that the Club meet the Navy on February 7th in the first of the Cup matches, the selection committee should find the match helpful in choosing a Club XV. Teams as follows:—Colonies:—Prowse; Easterbrook, Stewart, Banner, Burns, Cox and Summers; Forster, Focken, Beveridge, Garrod, Lyon, Davies, Russell and Johnson. Whites:—Gauler; Skinner. Foster, O'Neill and Summerfield; Milne and Morrison; Jordain, Cleland, Burns, Moncrieff, Mackintosh, Jones, Murphy and K. Robertson.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. "A" v. K.C.C. "A."

The following have been selected to represent the K.C.C. "A" team against the H.K.C.C. "A" eleven on the Hongkong ground to-day at 2 p.m.:—B. Petheram, O. B. Raven, J. H. Hendle, L. A. Duncan, A. J. Kew, E. G. Renon, W. F. G. Gorvin, E. J. Edwards, J. B. Cox, D. S. Green and J. C. Long.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

LAST NIGHT'S DANCE.

His Excellency the Governor gave a dance at Government House last evening. In Lady Stubbs' absence, Lady Severn accompanied His Excellency at the reception of guests before the dancing commenced. The ballroom and house were decorated with yellow and white chrysanthemums for the occasion. The Royal Marine Band of R.M.S. *Houkies* provided the music for the dances. A list of those invited follows:—

Mr. and Mrs. T. Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Van Andel, Dr. Dalnaby Allan, Miss K. M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Adamson, Mr. B. Ansell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Byrne, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. E. Bullock, Mrs. J. L. Beck, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. L. G. Bird, Miss Bird, Capt. G. Barrett, Capt. C. G. Brodie, R.N., and Mrs. Brodie, Mr. G. W. Barra, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bird, Miss G. Beauvoir, Miss Baker, Miss E. M. Bain, Miss E. K. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Bennett, Lieut. Boyle, R.N., Mr. J. Bottomley, Lt.-Col. R. F. A. Butterworth, Miss I. A. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. F. Beith, Col. and Mrs. Russell Brown, Comdr. and Mrs. C. A. Browne, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Beale, Lieut. and Mrs. Barracough, Mr. H. C. Barratt, Eng.-Lieut. C. R. E. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Brown, Mr. P. H. Drake, Brockman, Prof. and Mrs. Byrne, Lt.-Col. F. S. Montague Bates, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Birkett.

Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Miss M. Cooper, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Cressy, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Chalmers, Mrs. J. O. Carpenter, Miss G. M. Cotton, Lieut. E. W. Colegrave, Dr. and Mrs. Craig, Pay-Lieut. A. Churcher, Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop, Capt. G. A. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Christopherson, Miss Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Danby, Miss A. E. de D. Dyer, Mr. A. Y. Daniel, Flag-Lieut. E. Dangerfield, Lt.-Comdr. Durnford, R.N., Capt. R. C. Davenport, Dr. and Mrs. Eadie, Lieut. E. Edmondstone, R.N., Vice-Admiral Sir Allan E. Eversley Green.

Hon. Major-General Sir John and Lady Fowler, Miss A. S. Fraser, Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, Miss G. Fothergill, Mr. A. H. Fenwick, Mr. R. Foster, Mr. G. Fawcett.

Mr. and Mrs. Galloway, His Honour Mr. Justice and Mrs. H. H. Gompertz, Mrs. and Miss Gibson, Miss J. Gray, Sir H. Gollin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Green, Pay-Lieut. Eversley Green.

Hon. Mr. Halliday, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Joyce, Miss Joyce and Miss Dorothy Joyce, Mr. George Hogg, Mr. S. O. Hill, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Mr. J. G. Hunt, Capt. G. H. Wood, Surg.-Comdr. and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. W. H. Hope, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hamilton, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, Lieut. H. L. C. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Henry, Miss M. B. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hicks, Miss F. M. A. Hughes, Lt.-Comdr. Conway Hake, Miss Hones, Mr. A. S. Egan, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hall, Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hills, Lieut. H. G. B. Hayter, Lt.-Comdr. F. E. P. Hutton, Capt. B. S. Hey, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. B. Hancock, Capt. Hailey.

Miss Irving.

Mr. Bulmer Johnson.

Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., and Mrs. Kemp, Miss Kemter, Miss Keller, Miss and Mrs. Kremer, Lieut. C. K. Kinlock, Mr. and Mrs. the Misses King, Miss G. Kennedy.

Mr. H. A. and Miss Lamont, Mr. W. M. Lyons, Mr. D. C. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Lucy, Major R. R. Lewis, R.A.M.C., and Mrs. Lewis, Capt. W. U. C. Lake, Eng.-Lt.-Comdr. Lambert, Miss Lewis, Mr. Layton, Lt.-Comdr. Lockhart Stewart.

Dr. and Mrs. Minett, Mr. T. Megarry, Mr. and Mrs. S. Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. G. Miskin, Lieut. Mansergh, R.N., Dr. and Mrs. W. R. A. Moore, Mr. A. and Mrs. W. W. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. J. Finlay and Miss Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Murray, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. N. Matheson, M. et. Mdm. M. Montargis, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Macalpine, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. E. MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Millett, Mr. McKichan, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Meacock, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McClay, Mr. J. M. McIlutchoy, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Martin, Mr. C. M. McDonald, Capt. and Mrs. J. Macready, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mackie, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. May, Lieut. G. C. de V. Moss, Mrs. McMichael, Miss McDonald, Miss M. J. Munro, Mrs. Alex. MacKenzie.

Mr. R. A. C. and Miss North, Rev. and Mrs. Northcott, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. B. Nihil, Mr. T. S. B. Nicoll, Miss M. W. Newsome, Mr. and Mrs. E. Newsome, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Nightingale, Capt. E. A. Heyes Newton, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Nye, Lieut. J. S. J. Nicolson, Mr. and Mrs. W. North.

Lieut. and Mrs. Orm, Mr. and Mrs. Orme, Pay-Lieut. Orwin, Major T. T. Oakes, Capt. and Mrs. Oxspring, Mr. and Mrs. T. Orton, Pay-Comdr. C. B. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. H. Oliver.

Hon. Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter, Pay-Comdr. and Mrs. V. O. Padwick, Mr. J. T. Prior, Mr. C. G. Perdue, Mr. H. R. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. J. Norman Parker, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Patterson, Surg.-Lt.-Comdr. H. L. Perrine, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Prosser, Major and Mrs. R. S. P. Paton, Major and Mrs. F. H. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pearce, Miss Peck, Dr. W. W. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pfordten, Mr. G. H. Piercy, Major and Mrs. E. A. Penny, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pethick, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Purves, Dr. and Mrs. Paterson, Mr. Campbell Prosser, Capt. N. C. Parkes, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Pope, Lieut. and Mrs. C. R. Price, Miss Perival, Mr. P. A. Pollock, Comdr. H. Pott, Mr. P. O. Potts, Mr. A. H. Potts, Miss Hutton Potts, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Patten, Miss Porter, Miss Poplew, Comdr. A. G. Peace, Lieut. N. J. Pisan.

Mons. and Mde. T. de Quievrecourt.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam, Mr. C. B. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robertson, Mr. I. Rankin, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. T. A. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. de Rome, Mr. and Mrs. James Reid, Comdr. H. B. Robinson, Lieut. O. W. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ross, Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Roden, Lieut. J. D. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rodgers, Major P. Rashleigh, Mr. A. B. Raworth, Eng.-Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. S. Robins, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reeve, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Russell, Mr. R. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rouse, Pay-Comdr. N. F. Roy, Major and Mrs. A. M. Rotherham, Lieut. H. H. Rogers, R.N., Mr. E. W. Reid, Mr. Redmond, Pay-Comdr. A. C. Roe, R.N., Mr. H. A. and Miss Dorothy Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowes Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Hon. Sir Claud and Lady Severn, Capt. R. G. Stargis, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. W. Orpen Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Smith, Miss C. M. Shaw, Comdr. and Mrs. M. Maxwell Scott, Miss S. Shaw, Major and Mrs. Hattersley Smith, Capt. G. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sellers, Mons. and Mde. Schindler, Mr. W. R. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark, Lieut. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mr. G. and Miss Stubbings, Lieut. D. A. Searle, Dr. J. H. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stewart, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Schabauer, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smit, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Scott, Capt. G. E. Swinton, Eng.-Comdr. and Mrs. H. B. Sears, Mr. W. T. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Orm Sheppard, Prof. S. H. Stump, Lieut. G. M. G. Simpson, R.N., Mr. W. Sinclair, Lieut. and Mrs. P. W. Southern, Lieut. L. M. Shadwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sutherland, Lieut. A. J. Sugden, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. L. Sheaton, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. M. Severn, Mr. J. K. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Whyte Smith, Lieut. H. K. Spragg, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Salter, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shaw, Mr. W. W. Lockhart Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton Smith, Mr. F. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. N. Smith, Lieut. W. D. Stephens, Mr. J. Middleton Smith, Miss Stohart, Comdr. L. A. Spooner, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. M. Stephen, Mr. G. W. Sewell, Comdr. Mrs. and Miss Stirling, Lieut. R. H. Y. Siewright, Lieut. J. E. H. Sawyer, Major and Mrs. D. McEl Slater, Mr. E. T. R. Sample.

Mr. A. W. Tickle, Mr. B. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Tinson, Sir Eric and Lady Stuart Taylor, Sir and Lady Skinner Turner, Major L. Chervix Trench, Mr. E. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. Syme Thomson, Mr. R. B. Todd, Capt. and Mrs. W. J. and the Misses Thompson, Miss E. Tazartez, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Tolley, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Tramm, Mr. and Mrs. C. and Miss Thwaites, Mr. and Mrs. F. Tyson, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. H. Trevelyan, Lt.-Comdr. C. R. Thompson, Comdr. E. E. Thomas, Mr. H. H. Turner, Mr. W. J. Terry, Lady Turner, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Tracy.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Ufford, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Vaden, Mr. C. M. Vase, Mrs. Vernon.

Lieut. Colin Wauchope, R.N., Mr. K. Williamson, Mr. C. G. L. Whyte, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wood, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wedlake, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wodehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Waller, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. and Miss Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Wallington, Pay-Mid. D. A. Wilson, Mr. A. H. White, Major C. H. Warton, Mr. R. E. A. Webster, Capt. A. E. Watter, Capt. R. N. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williamson, Mr. E. H. Williams, Capt. J. H. Wallace, Lieut. W. G. D. Weir, Mr. J. P. Warren, Lieut. B. Finch White, Comdr. and Mrs. H. Westmacott, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Womack, Capt. R. H. P. West, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Weall, Lieut. A. J. L. Whyte, Lieut. H. Wilson, Mr. M. Walk, Lieut. and Mrs. E. Watson, Mr. P. Douglas Wilson, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. M. Young, Lt.-Comdr. B. M. Young.

Matron and Sisters of Government Civil Hospital, Matilda Hospital, Military Hospital, Royal Naval Hospital, Peak Hospital, and Victoria Hospital.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

On Tuesday, January 20th, His Excellency the Governor invited the following to dinner to meet Commodore and Mrs. Stirling. Mrs. Stirling was unfortunately unable to attend owing to indisposition. Commodore Stirling was accompanied by Miss Stirling and his Secretary, Paymaster-Lieutenant Church.

Hon. Sir Claud and Lady Severn, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Terry, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Cressy, Hon. Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Holyoak, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. J. Gompertz, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Dr. and Mrs. Addison, Mr. and Mrs. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. McElderry, and Lieut. Stephens, R.N.

On Thursday, January 22nd, His Excellency, accompanied by Captain R. Neville, A.D.C., dined with His Honour the Chief Justice.

On Friday, January 23rd, His Excellency gave a dinner at Government House for Members of the Medical Conference.

On Monday, January 26th, owing to a severe cold, His Excellency was obliged to cancel his engagements to attend the Interport Football match during the afternoon, and to dine with the Vice-Chancellor of the University in the evening.

On Sunday, February 1st, His Excellency will drive out to Fanning Golf Club to present the Governor's Shield and Captain's Cup to the winners of these trophies.

SERIOUS CHARGE.

GUNNER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, Gunner James Ellement, aged 25, who is charged with a serious offence against an 11-year-old Chinese girl, was committed by Mr. J. R. Wood, for trial at the next Criminal Sessions. While awaiting his trial he will be kept in military custody.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SEAT-HOLDERS & SUBSCRIBERS.

TO FORM CHURCH COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Seat-holders and Subscribers of St. John's Cathedral took place last night under the chairmanship of the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Senior Chaplain, and was well attended.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, addressing the meeting, said that as usual the report and accounts had been circulated, and very little special comment was required. They began the year with a deficit of over \$9,000, and notwithstanding the special appeal which the Church Body made to the public in the form of a circular, signed by two members of the body and himself as treasurer, he was sorry to say that the response was most disappointing, as only \$300 were raised. Naturally many of the circulars went to persons who were not members of the Church of England. About 200 circulars were sent out.

The question as to how best to obtain adequate contributions towards the maintenance of the Cathedral Church of Hongkong would have to be gone into very carefully. Personally, he was satisfied that the money could be raised in this Colony. He thought the only way they could do it was by a personal appeal. They had made an appeal by means of circulars, but that had failed, and it would be for the incoming church body to devise other means.

But to return to the accounts, the result of the year's working was practically the same. They carried forward a balance on the wrong side of almost exactly a similar amount to last year. But the outgoing, they would notice—salaries, allowances, passages, etc.—showed a reduction of about \$1,000, but this was upset by charges in connection with the Senior Chaplain's house—\$745.

With regard to the Assistant Chaplain's Fund, the debentures amounted to \$16,000. The question as to what was to be done in the future with this money had yet to be decided. They had also received during the year a sum of \$2,000 bequeathed by the late Mrs. Bowker, which would be subject to investment in approved securities.

He would also mention that there would be a very considerable number of vacant sittings in the Cathedral, and he hoped applications would soon come in. He was sorry that he had to point out that subscribers were not keeping pace with the supporters of the Cathedral who had left the Colony, and he trusted this unsatisfactory state of affairs would be improved during the year. A great many old subscribers had gone and there was no one to take their place. The collections of church expenses showed a slight improvement, and donations were better than in previous years.

The Hon. H. Copley Moyle pointed out that the \$9,000 debit balance from 1923, had been wiped out by a generous contribution from Sir Paul Chater, and donations had been sent by the Philharmonic Society and the Male Voice Choir.

Mr. Owen-Hughes proposed the adoption of the accounts, which was seconded by Dr. Saunders and carried.

The next item on the agenda was the election of six lay members to the Church Body. The following were appointed: The Hon. Sir Claud Severn, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. W. L. Patterson, Mr. A. H. Compton, Col. Fitzgerald and Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.

Mr. D. E. G. Nicholson, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, was elected hon. auditor.

The following were appointed to represent the Cathedral at the Diocesan Conference: Lady Pollock, Mrs. Shewan, Mrs. Bullock, Mr. R. H. R. Wade, Col. Fitzgerald and Sir Claud Severn.

CHURCH COUNCIL SCHEME.

The question of the advisability of forming a Church Council was raised by the Rev. T. B. Powell, Assistant Chaplain, who explained the duties of such bodies. He thought the laity should have larger representation, and in his opinion the Church Body was too geriatric. Such a Council as he suggested would be of assistance and help to the Church Body. It seemed surprising to him that the women of the Cathedral could not be elected to the Church Body, but the Church Council would help in that way. The Ordinance governing the Cathedral organisation placed all the authority in the Church Body, and a Council, if formed, would be purely advisory. He would suggest that the Council consist of 25 or 30 members. Some 10 or 12 people had already consented to act on a Church Council if invited to do so. He hoped this question would not be shelved, but decided at the meeting.

Sir Henry Pollock seconded, and it was decided that a Church Council should be formed.

The Rev. Mr. Powell said that the people who had consented to act on the Council were: Prof. Forster, Mr. F. Clemes, Mr. L. A. H. Duncan, Mr. F. W. Zimmer, Mr. Andrew Cheung, Mr. S. M. Goddard, Lady Pollock, Mr. F. Mason, Miss Middleton Smith, Mr. E. G. Stewart and Miss Mow Fung.

Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., organist, then read his report, already in the hands of subscribers, on the organ, and the two proposed schemes for repairs. One scheme, he said, involved the expenditure of \$4,000 and the other \$10,000. He advised them to proceed with the larger scheme and not go on patching up the organ. It was eventually decided to carry out the \$10,000 scheme.

Mr. Patterson mentioned that the Senior Chaplain was going on holiday in a few weeks, and on behalf of the meeting wished him a safe return.

The Rev. Copley Moyle then thanked all who had worked for the benefit of the Church, and expressed the hope that the Council would stimulate enthusiasm.

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

The Canton-Hankow Railway, Kwangtung Section, with head office and general station at Wonsgha, Canton, will soon be forced to curtail its freight traffic and issue passenger tickets at the risk of the applicants only, according to information from the employees of the railroad itself. The line, about 130 miles long, extending from Canton to Shiu-kwan, the northern terminus, has not been able to keep up its proper repair and maintenance as desired by its chief engineer, owing to the lack of funds. According to Mr. Lam Chik Min, the maximum receipts of the line monthly amount to only \$240,000, while the millitary have a standing order to appropriate \$94,000 monthly from its revenue regardless of the monthly income, leaving only \$144,000 for general expenses, which have never figured below \$180,000. Any extensive repairs will be impossible under the present financial difficulty. The attempt of the military authorities in the Kuomintang regime to borrow \$5,000,000 on the security of the railway is being opposed by the latter's former shareholders, who expect to regain control of their property upon the outgoing of the Bolsheviks, who "nationalised" the line on January 15th, 1923, and have been controlling it ever since.

THEATRICAL SLUMP.

Canton, which usually has about 36 theatrical troupes in the Players' Guild, composed of actors whose names regularly appear on theatre programmes and placards, to-day is in the sad plight of seeing many once well-known companies eliminated from the list. There are less than 15 troupes with full members registered with the Guild at the present. While the heavy war tax on theatres—30 per cent. on the receipts for each show—is mainly responsible for the fall of the troupes in number, the reign of terror in Kwangtung under Bolshevik rule has made shows on the road unsafe. Moreover, the popularity of motion pictures with expert advertising direction to further its hold on the Cantonese public may be considered an additional cause for the downfall of the native dramatic interests.

KUOMINTANG MOVING.

By an order of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, given recently, the executive members of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, the party now controlling Canton Government, will transfer their meetings to Peking. Mr. Hu Han Min, acting Generalissimo of the Red Army in Canton, also an executive member, has not yet decided whether or not he will go to Peking. That the Kuomintang as a party will soon have to withdraw from the Canton Government is expected.

SHAMEEN EMPLOYEES' GUILD.

The Chinese employees of the Shameen firms, have just completed the formation of their new labour union, the formal inauguration taking place on January 28th. Chinese holding the more responsible positions in Shameen, such as comprador, senior clerks and the like, have so far failed to identify themselves with the union, and the party organs of the ruling party in Canton are making unfavourable comments in connection with this fact.

ANTI-CHRISTIAN MEETING.

The anti-Christian movement agitators these days in Canton have confined themselves only to the delivery of public lectures at the Kwangtung University auditorium against Christianity. The next lecture will be given on Sunday, February 1st, when Mr. Hsu Shung Ching, Commissioner of Education of Kwangtung Province, is expected to speak. Friends of Mr. Hsu, however, say that his name has been advertised without his consent, as invitation to speak has never been affirmatively replied to. Mr. Sun Fo, son of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and former Canton Mayor, before he departed for the North from Canton on the Chinese New Year Eve last, said to his fellow members of the Church that the Kuomintang Party has never been and will never be against the Church, adding that both his father and himself are Christians. Mr. Sun Fo is a Baptist.

STAR THEATRE.

MAJUREL VARIETY COMPANY PLEASE PACKED HOUSE.

A delighted audience filled the Star Theatre last night to hear the Majurel Variety Company, which has come direct from the Folies-Bergues. Their entertainment was conceived on quite original and novel lines, and provoked demonstrations of applause for each item. The company is certainly a clever one in every respect, and it is not surprising that they earned so much appreciation.

The programme last night was opened by Majurel, the mainpring of the company which bears his name; he contributed a series of operatic songs in a manner that proved him to be an accomplished vocalist. His voice is a rich baritone, which was heard to great advantage. He was ably supported by Madlle. Yvonne Denny whose offerings were French chansons comiques, which were well received, as were the quaint Arabian dances by Sergine and Ludo, which were executed with special scenic effects. Dugard, the comedian, was a host in himself and provoked continual mirth. The entertainment concluded with "Les Anaglyphes," a series of living movies, which were well staged.

The variety programme was preceded by a picture entitled "Innocence," featuring Anna O. Nilsson. The Majurel Variety Company bring their short season at the Star to a conclusion to-day.

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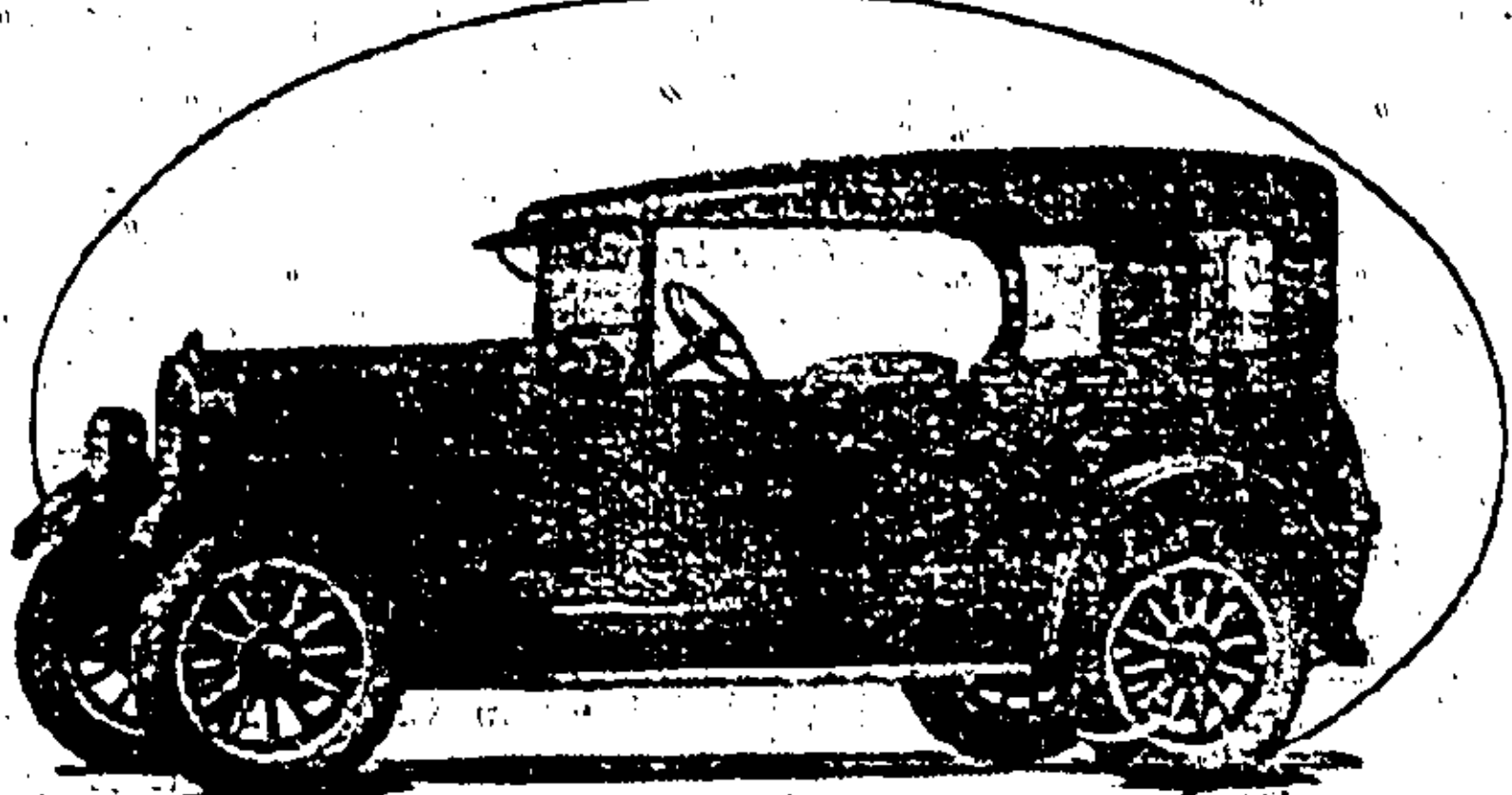
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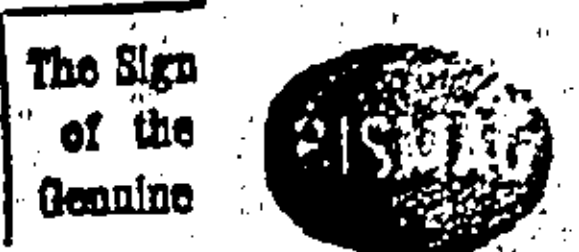
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A strange official letter has been received by an applicant in London for a passport for America.

It comes from the Passport Office, and asks him to furnish a letter from his wife assuring the department that he has made satisfactory arrangements for her maintenance during his absence and demanding that proof of this must be forthcoming from his bank.

This raises one more of the many puzzling points in connection with passport law which crop up from time to time. For although *The Daily Chronicle* learns, "the Passport Office is within its rights in making such inquiries of husbands departing alone for a foreign country, unsatisfactory replies to the questions do not entitle the officials to refuse a passport."

SUSPICIOUS WIVES.

This can only be done in exceptional circumstances, by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Or, the passport may be temporarily withheld if, suspecting that her husband is about to go abroad and leave her without financial provision, the wife goes to a magistrate and conveys to him her suspicions.

"In that case," said an official at the Passport Office, "if there is a maintenance order against the husband we do not let him go unless we are assured by the court that it is satisfied that the order will be obeyed. The man may make a deposit or give the magistrate a guarantee that he will not leave his wife chargeable to public funds. Then we grant the passport."

"Unless a man is wanted by the police, we cannot refuse him a passport indefinitely. We can only withhold it for a time."

We make these inquiries only where we have good reason to believe that the husband is going abroad in order to evade his domestic responsibilities.

The wife concerned in the present case has a private income, and even if her husband does not return is not likely ever to be destitute. Also, he only asked for the passport for a period of three months, it being a business visit to the States.

BAD WINNERS AT BRIDGE.

A good game of bridge is often spoiled by the irritating mannerisms of one of the players. I do not mean that these mannerisms are rude or ill-intended. Usually the offenders are perfectly unconscious that they are annoying their partners and opponents.

There is a man of my acquaintance who has a stock of remarks which are produced at intervals and are never varied. When his opponents fail to make their contract he will say, as he gathers, "That's one on the clock." At the next, "I'm a little out of breath," and so on. "Why, partner, that's another on the clock." This is bad enough when you are his partner, but should you be on the losing side it is maddening.

Another of his bridge habits is to take a tussle, and, should it fail, to look reproachfully at the winner of the trick and say, "Why, you had it all the time!" This may sound humorous, but when it is repeated time and again it is more than annoying.

Some players have a way of closing up their cards so that each time it is their turn to play the cards have to be shuffled about until the right one is found. This means a slow game, and to many people a slow game is another form of torture. How often have you been extremely satisfied with the way you have played a hand, only to hear one of your opponents remark, "Oh, he always holds the earth!" This is a sign of a bad loser. I would much prefer, however, to play against a bad loser than a bad winner. I mean the man who gloats. When his partner puts his hand on the table he will glance at it and say, "Jove, it's a walk-over." That may be, but there is no need to rub it in.

Who is not familiar with the woman who, when she is doubled, looks coyly at her partner and says, "Will you ever forgive me?" I once heard a man to whom I had been said three times in one rubber reply, "No, madam. I never shall—I D. in the *Daily Express*."

PAVLOVA'S SECRET MARRIAGE.

"I WANTED A HOME AND A KITCHEN."

"I have always wanted a home with a kitchen."

This is one of the reasons given by Anna Pavlova, the incomparable Russian dancer, for marrying her accompanist, Andre Bernheim.

Pavlova announced the marriage recently, says a cable to the Paris edition of the *New York Herald*, adding that this is her farewell tour because she intends to devote herself to domestic life with her husband and live in Paris, where she is supporting fifteen Russian refugee children.

"There is no husband for the artist," she said. "Pavlova the dancer and Pavlova the wife are different persons and I keep them separate. My dancing belongs to the public; my husband only to myself. I have always wanted a home with a kitchen. I shall not be like Patti, Bernhardt, and others, and attempt more than one farewell."

Pavlova's announcement of her retirement to domestic life in Paris has come as a shock to her admirers in the United States.

It seems to me a fantastic thing that the nations of the world should all be engaged in a great international starving competition in order to get a living.

WORLD'S SWEETEST MUSIC.

[By FRITZ KREISLER, the World-Famous Violinist.]

There's music in the sighing of a reed;
There's music in the rustling of a willow;
There's music in all things if men had ears;
Their earth is but an echo of the spheres.

To many people music is a word describing a sound—good or bad—which comes from a musical instrument or from the throat of a singer. They go through the world missing hundreds of other sounds—beautiful, soothing, restful, and invigorating, and sometimes terrifying.

Naturally, opinions differ on what is the most beautiful sound in the world. Some think that there is nothing so wonderful as the song of a singer who can express in her voice the whole gamut of human emotions; others hold that the violinist gives the world its sweetest music. The peal of a cathedral organ awes as well as pleases, while to a mother there can be no sweeter sound than the croon of her baby.

To my mind the most beautiful music that the world can give us is not the blast of an organ nor the strains of a violin—it is the song of the forest. There are few joys comparable with that of sitting in a pine forest in summer listening to the music of the wind brushing through the pines, the call of the birds, which swelling up and down in insect harmony, often reminds me of the majesty of an organ. I can feast my ears with the music of the pines, and be refreshed when all other sounds have failed to soothe me. It is an anodyne that always heals.

SILENCE.

The wind is the tonic background of much of nature's music. Its song murmurs of joy as it rustles through the cornfield, and the golden glory of the corn provides a feast for the eyes which almost centuries this beauty. You can almost distinguish the different sounds made by the various crops. The deep voice of the wheat for instance, as it sways to the wind might be the bass singer, the higher song of the barley is the soprano's voice, and the shriller but sweet sound of the oats is sometimes the tenor, sometimes the choir-boy's clear treble.

The chiming of a distant village church have a melancholy charm. The roar of a great city has a grandeur that is musical at night, although the same sound by day seems harsh and hideous. Night softens and purifies many things, and sound most of all. Some can remember the music-terrifying and impressive—that they heard in the howl of a shell during the war. We were able to tell the type of guns from the awful voices of the projectiles as they rushed overhead on their errands of death.

The noise of the waves is pleasing to some ears, but not to mine. Perhaps this is because I was brought up in a mountainous district far from the sea, where I learned to love the music that came with the wind down mountain paths and in the gentle roar of a faraway torrent.

The human voice, in ordinary conversation, may be musical when it has rhythm. I was first attracted to my wife by the beauty of her voice. At the time she was standing behind me.

There are times when there is no music in the world to compare with what some might call absolute silence. This is the rarest music of all. When everything outside is still the inner harmonies have an opportunity of manifesting themselves. It may be that in such moments as these the harmony of the spheres was first conceived.

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Mr. John Albion writes in the *Sunday Pictorial*: The announcement in the King's speech that the Government propose to go on with the construction of the projected new naval base at Singapore, which was stopped by the Macdonald Administration, has caused dismay among advocates of national economy.

If this is the spirit in which the new Government are getting to work, instead of reducing taxation they will have to increase it.
The official estimated cost of the Singapore base is £10,500,000. No public work of this character has ever been carried out at Singapore except at an enormous increase on the original estimate, and it is probable that the cost will be not less than £20,000,000.

Nor is this all. Much more outlay will really be involved. The scheme has been prepared with such extraordinary recklessness and lack of forethought that no provision whatever has been made for the military and the air defence of the proposed base. This will add greatly to the capital charges and the recurring cost, for we shall have to keep a far larger white garrison at Singapore than in the past.

Major-General Sir J. Davidson, a distinguished member of Lord Haig's staff in the latter stages of the Great War, in the Singapore debate last March that there was absolutely no necessity to keep a large land force on the spot, because you can bring it there in sufficient time. How could he convey a British Army seven thousand miles and get there in time?

I saw the Russian Fleet draw up before Port Arthur in 1904 shortly before the Japanese attacked it one dark night in February. The Russians had a military garrison of 47,000 men in Port Arthur, but they were cut off and 30,000 surrendered. We are going to make a Port Arthur at Singapore.

We are told in the resolution passed by the last Imperial Conference that the new naval base is intended to protect "the territories and trade of the Empire in Eastern waters." But whom are we going to fight there?

There are only two naval Powers in the Pacific to-day, and they are Japan and the United States. We could never fight either of these Powerful navies from a base at Singapore. Our naval domination of the Pacific passed long ago.

Mr. Leopold Amery, who was once First Lord of the Admiralty, and is now Colonial Secretary, has argued that this base should be made because every year £10,000,000 worth of our traffic passes through these Eastern waters. He says that something like £160,000,000 of our ships and cargo are always afloat in that area, and Singapore is the only place from which they can be effectively defended and protected.

This argument of Mr. Amery's is the feeblest and most preposterous plea yet advanced in defence of the Singapore proposal. It must be obvious that the moment guns begin to shoot in the Pacific the whole of that British trade would disappear.

If there is one thing more than another which makes us profoundly distrust the Singapore scheme it is that it has received the fiery advocacy of Mr. Leopold Amery. He may not have been its original author, but he forced it through.

Mr. Amery's intimates respect his talents and his energy, but they have long been aware that his judgment is almost invariably at fault. He is the most impetuous and hot-headed man in his party, and it was largely owing to his incitement that Mr. Baldwin made the disastrous blunder of precipitating the General Election which let in the Socialists.

The next contention advanced in favour of the Singapore scheme is that in some incomprehensible manner it is expected to protect Australia and New Zealand. Against whom? It can only be Japan.

The impoverished British taxpayer is to be invited to pour millions upon millions into the sea for the supposed additional security of his brethren at the Antipodes. What share of the cost will be borne by the Dominions under the Southern Cross?

New Zealand, which clamours for the base, has offered the magnificent sum of £100,000. Australia has so far not promised anything at all, and the Australian Labour Party has condemned the whole project. It is well known that Canada will not contribute one single penny while South Africa refuses even to look at the proposal. India gives no help whatever.

What is worse is that the Australians will not even take the most elementary and obvious step to protect themselves. Their rich Northern Territory lies empty and defenceless, "as bare as the paunch of the puer's sow," the Naboth's vineyard of the Empire, and alluring invitation to the whole Eastern world.

Their steadfastly neglect to build a strategic railway to the unpeopled North, although for twenty years they have wrangled about whether a line so imprudently required should serve aside to feed the rapacious maw of Sydney instead of following the natural course due north from Port Augusta. Before they ask us to find millions for their security they should set their own house in order.

Mr. Lloyd George, who (breaking out in a fresh place) seems likely to be the only sincere advocate of economy in the new Parliament, has pointed out that "we are paying 2s. in the £ on the income-tax in respect of money advanced to the Allies or borrowed for them. That is nearly half the income-tax. Is this a time to engage in further mad and wasteful enterprises?"

(Continued on next column.)

A GROUP OF LIONS. STRIKING ENCOUNTER BY HUNTER IN BUSH.

Mlle. Vivienne de Watteville, of Bern, whose father, the big game hunter, was attacked and killed by a lion in the Belgian Congo while he was pursuing a white rhinoceros, gives further particulars of the expedition which led to her father's tragic death in a letter just received by her family.

Mlle. de Watteville's letter, quoted in the *Daily Express*, was sent from Pampona River and gives a striking account of an encounter in the bush with seven lions and lionesses.
"We had a great adventure to-day," she says. "We had just finished breakfast when two excited natives rushed up and informed us that four lions were asleep in the long grass near us. We seized our rifles and some food, and with our native hunters set out for the spot, walking along the dry bed of a river."

"We had walked for two hours and, not seeing any sign of the beasts, decided to return to camp, when suddenly seven lions and lionesses appeared in front of us out of the thick, high grass only fifteen yards away."

"I was so surprised that a lion walked a few yards before me and I did not even think of shooting at it, though my rifle was in my hands. It was a fascinating and thrilling experience to be surrounded by those large lions. Father shot and wounded a lion, which with five others promptly disappeared in the high grass, but the biggest beast with a black mane stood still, looking at us curiously."

"Father had time to take careful aim and the lion fell, but soon got up and bounded into the high grass. We found the two lions dead later, and the natives carried their bodies to the camp, where there was much rejoicing that night. The black lion was a splendid specimen and its skin will adorn the museum at Bern according to father's wishes."

"It is a curious fact that none of the lions made an attempt to attack us though they were within springing distance and in a way we were at their mercy."

Mlle. de Watteville's father was attacked only a few days after her letter was written and died in his daughter's arms.

"We are going to make this naval base up a fever-haunted mud creek on the verge of the equator, in one of the worst climates in the world. A medical man who knows Singapore well tells me that the selected site is an absolute fever-trap. I am fairly familiar with Singapore myself, and say emphatically that it is no place for crowded super-battleships."

Moreover, the battleship is doomed anyway, and will soon be as obsolete as the ichthyosaurus. We are going to build these immense tropical docks for a type of fighting ship which will have disappeared long before the docks are finished. A battleship now-a-days is nothing but a background for an admiral plastered with gold lace.

At the last moment an absurd anticlimax has arisen. The Government have caused it to be announced through their journalistic henchmen that Holland, who has great Eastern possessions, views the Singapore scheme favourably, and that there is every prospect of an Anglo-Dutch naval entente!

Prodigious! The whale and the sprat will link fins. If this fatuous disclosure does not kill the Singapore scheme nothing will.

It ought to be explained that these doubtless severe criticisms are made in no spirit of general hostility to the Government, but the *Sunday Pictorial* has condemned the suggested waste at Singapore from the outset, just as it condemns waste in Mesopotamia, Palestine and at home.

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| S.S. | Tons | From Hongkong (about) | Destination |
|-------------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| "MOREA" | 10,911 | 7th Feb. Noon | Marseilles & London |
| "DONGOLA" | 8,083 | 9th Feb. | S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way |
| "SARDINIA" | 8,834 | 15th Feb. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| "KALAMIA" | 8,963 | 21st Feb. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 7th Mar. | Marseilles & London |
| "BOUDAN" | 8,696 | 15th Mar. | S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way |
| "KASHGARA" | 9,005 | 21st Mar. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| "SICILIA" | 8,512 | 28th Mar. | S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way |
| "MANTUA" | 10,902 | 4th Apr. | Marseilles & London |
| "KARMAIA" | 9,086 | 10th Apr. | Marseilles & London |
| "MACEDONIA" | 11,039 | 16th Apr. | Marseilles & London |
| "NAGOA" | 8,854 | 23rd Apr. | S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way |
| "SARDINIA" | 8,854 | 30th Apr. | S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way |
| "BOUDAN" | 8,696 | 6th May | Marseilles & London |
| "KASHGARA" | 9,005 | 13th May | Marseilles & London |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 20th May | Marseilles & London |
| "KARMAIA" | 9,086 | 27th May | Marseilles & London |
| "MACEDONIA" | 11,039 | 3rd June | Marseilles & London |
| "NAGOA" | 8,854 | 10th June | Marseilles & London |
| "SARDINIA" | 8,854 | 17th June | Marseilles & London |
| "BOUDAN" | 8,696 | 24th June | Marseilles & London |
| "KASHGARA" | 9,005 | 1st July | Marseilles & London |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 8th July | Marseilles & London |
| "KARMAIA" | 9,086 | 15th July | Marseilles & London |
| "MACEDONIA" | 11,039 | 22nd July | Marseilles & London |

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

| S.S. | Tons | From Hongkong (about) | Destination |
|-----------|--------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| "TALMA" | 10,000 | 7th Feb. 1 p.m. | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta |
| "TILAWA" | 10,006 | 15th Feb. | do |
| "TALAMBA" | 8,018 | 22nd Feb. | do |
| "TAKLIWA" | 7,938 | 29th Feb. | do |
| "TAIREA" | 7,933 | 6th Mar. | do |
| "TAKADA" | 6,946 | 13th Mar. | do |

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

| S.S. | Tons | From Hongkong (about) | Destination |
|--------------|-------|-----------------------|--|
| "ST. ALBANS" | 4,500 | 4th Feb. 10 a.m. | Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne. |
| "TANDA" | 6,968 | 28th Feb. | Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne. |
| "ARAFURA" | 4,000 | 1st April | do |

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| S.S. | Tons | From Hongkong (about) | Destination |
|-------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| "TALAMBA" | 8,018 | 4th Feb. | Kobe |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 7th Feb. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "TAKLIWA" | 7,938 | 14th Feb. | Moji & Kobe |
| "TAKADA" | 6,946 | 21st Feb. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "BOUDAN" | 8,696 | 28th Feb. | Moji & Kobe |
| "TAIREA" | 7,933 | 6th Mar. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "SICILIA" | 8,512 | 13th Mar. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "ARAFURA" | 4,000 | 20th Mar. | Moji & Kobe |
| "MANTUA" | 10,902 | 27th Mar. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "KARMAIA" | 9,086 | 4th Apr. | Moji & Kobe |
| "MACEDONIA" | 11,039 | 11th Apr. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "NAGOA" | 8,854 | 18th Apr. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "SARDINIA" | 8,854 | 25th Apr. | do |
| "BOUDAN" | 8,696 | 2nd May | do |
| "KASHGARA" | 9,005 | 9th May | Moji & Kobe |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 16th May | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "TAKLIWA" | 7,938 | 23rd May | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "TAKADA" | 6,946 | 30th May | Moji & Kobe |
| "ARAFURA" | 4,000 | 6th June | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "KASHGARA" | 9,005 | 13th June | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 20th June | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "TAKLIWA" | 7,938 | 27th June | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "TAKADA" | 6,946 | 4th July | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "ARAFURA" | 4,000 | 11th July | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |
| "MACEDONIA" | 11,039 | 18th July | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe |

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U.S.S. "WEST IVAN" ... Due Hongkong 23rd Mar.

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| SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS. | Steamers | Date of Departure |
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| SHANGHAI WEIHAIWEI | "NEWORWANG" | On 31st Jan. 4 p.m. |
| CHIEFOO & TIENTSIN | "KANCHOW" | On 31st Jan. 4 p.m. |
| SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN | "SUIYANG" | On 1st Feb. 11 a.m. |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "KALAN" | On 1st Feb. 11 a.m. |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "SINKIANG" | On 2nd Feb. 5 p.m. |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "KINGYUAN" | On 2nd Feb. 11 a.m. |
| SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN | "KINGCHOW" | On 4th Feb. 4 p.m. |
| HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG | "TAMING" | On 4th Feb. 10 a.m. |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "SOOCHOW" | On 5th Feb. 11 a.m. |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "ANSHUI" | On 5th Feb. Noon |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "LIANGCHOW" | On 7th Feb. 4 p.m. |
| HOIHOW & BANGKOK | "CHENAN" | On 8th Feb. 10 a.m. |
| SWATOW & BANGKOK | "KWANGTUNG" | On 8th Feb. 11 a.m. |
| SWATOW & BANGKOK | "SZECHUEN" | On 10th Feb. 4 p.m. |
| SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN | "LUCHOW" | On 11th Feb. 4 p.m. |

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